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## CABINET MEMBERS STICK BY TAFT

Meyer and Stimson, Friends of Roosevelt, Will Not Aid in Presidential Fight.

Two of Roosevelt's warmest admirers in the Taft Cabinet, Secretary of the Navy Meyer and Secretary of War Stimson, made it known yesterday that they will stand firmly by President Taft in the event of the election.

These two members of the Taft Cabinet, who while serving under the present administration have kept in close personal touch with Oyster Bay, have contended right along that Mr. Roosevelt would not enter the field against President Taft, and yesterday's acknowledgment is, in the opinion of Republicans here, the last evidence that is needed to show that the colonel's friends have been forced to the conclusion that his last rally is "in the ring."

There have been rumors for several days that Secretary Meyer would join with Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, in declaring for Roosevelt, provided the colonel indicated that he was in the running. Some members of the Massachusetts delegation in Congress were of the opinion that this had been Secretary Meyer's disposition until the Columbus speech was delivered.

There is nothing, however, in what the Secretary himself had to say yesterday that indicates that he has ever contemplated any other act than remaining absolutely loyal to the Taft candidacy. Secretary Stimson's answer to questions as to his attitude as between the President and Mr. Roosevelt's political sponsor was the announcement yesterday that Mr. Stimson would deliver a speech in Chicago on March 5 in support of the Taft administration. It was added that the Secretary of War will make several other speeches on the stump in the future of the President's candidacy.

## PETTIGREW ISSUES ATTACK ON WILSON

Former Senator Pettigrew, of South Dakota, one of the supporters of Speaker Champ Clark for the Democratic Presidential nomination, last night issued a bitter attack upon Woodrow Wilson, and incidentally denying that the Clark bureau has had any part in the alleged anonymous circulation of documents derogatory to Wilson.

He says in his statement that Gov. Wilson's endorsement of the sentiments of President Joliffe, of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway, who showed Bryan because the latter advocated railroad regulation, and Wilson's statements in his history regarding immigrants, are matters for which Gov. Wilson is himself responsible. "It will not do," says Mr. Pettigrew, "for Wilson or his friends to escape the infamy of his own record by abusing others."

**NOT DISTURBED BY DUEL.**  
Senator Bourne laughs at Dr. Mott's Challenge.

Senator Bourne is not disturbed by the challenge to a duel issued by Dr. J. J. Mott, a North Carolina Republican, according to statements of his friends yesterday. He refused to discuss the challenge, which is based on Dr. Mott's objection to certain remarks made by the Senator against the withholding of certain appointments by President Taft until after the selection of delegates to the national convention.

Those who spoke with the Senator on the duel stated that he regarded the whole affair as a "joke," and would pay no further attention to it.

**House Wants Almsworth Letters.**  
Representative Watkins' resolution calling for submission to the House of all correspondence in the Almsworth case was adopted by the House yesterday, after having been amended by a minority report of the Military Committee. This resolution will make a matter of record all letters and memoranda referred to in the letter of the Secretary of War deposing Almsworth as Adjutant General.

## D. C. DEMOCRATS RALLY FOR CLARK

Boomed as Only Logical Man to Occupy White House.

### PLENTY OF HURRAHING

Amid boisterous shouting, hand-clapping, foot-stamping, and hurrahs, Speaker Champ Clark was heralded by 300 men as the next Democratic Presidential nominee, last night in the old Masonic Temple where the Champ Clark Club of the District was formally organized. The Jeffersonian Congressmen and a number of Democratic warhorses of the District boomed the present Speaker of the House as the only logical man to occupy the White House during the next Presidential term.

While 200 men full of enthusiasm yelled themselves hoarse, the Congressmen advocated the revocation of President Taft's "gag rule" with respect to government employees, and declared themselves in favor of suffrage in the National Capital.

**Some Passing Shots.**  
Roosevelt was referred to as "the lion killer of Africa," and President Taft was called the "fat man of the White House." Passing shots were taken at Woodrow Wilson and other much talked of possibilities.

The press of the city had been notified almost hourly for the preceding ten days by a live committee of ten Democrats that the meeting was to be held. The public had been notified of the meeting, and it turned out in force. The old hall was crowded to the doors.

The cheering was led by a wheezy-breathed young man seated on the platform. He manipulated an unlighted cigar in the corner of his mouth, listening attentively to the addresses. Then suddenly he would remove the weed from his lips, and with uplifted hands shout, "Hoors, Champ Clark!"

Fulton R. Gordon presided in the capacity of temporary chairman. In an opening address, he told of the object of the club, and paid high tribute to Speaker Clark. John B. Colpoys, secretary of the Central Labor Union, delivered a short speech, in which he expressed the opinion that organized labor of the District as a whole would support the Missouri. After the shouting and hurrahs had subsided to some extent, the following officers were elected:

**Gordon Named President.**  
Fulton R. Gordon, president; Cotter Brice, D. A. Edwards, L. G. Wardfield, Thomas Jamison, William R. Riley, and Joe Y. Reeves, vice presidents; H. Wyatt, secretary; John Almsworth, assistant secretary, and W. J. Dwyer, treasurer.

Resolutions passed the support of Champ Clark as the next Democratic Presidential nominee were then adopted amid wild demonstrations.

Representative Joseph Taggart, of Kansas, was the first of the Congressional orators. He said that, once upon a time, Champ Clark spoke in his country, and that as a result of that powerful Jeffersonian speech he was elected to Congress—a most unusual thing for a Kansas Democrat.

"I'm in favor of the people of the District of Columbia exercising their right to elect a representative," said Representative Taggart, directing his words toward local taxes. "Taxation without representation is unjust. We fought for that principle, and in the capital of the nation those who pay taxes are being deprived of representation. It is absolutely undemocratic. The Democratic party stands for home rule. Under Democratic administration, friends, the people of the District will get suffrage."

**Opposes "Gag Rule."**  
"I'm also opposed to that vicious law which prevents government employees from forwarding a petition to a Congressman," continued the Representative. "That order of President Taft, known as the gag rule, is in direct opposition to the constitutional right of all free-born citizens to petition their government. It is absolutely un-American and infamous. I want that law wiped off the statute books, and there is a bill now pending in Congress which will accomplish this. A man should not be compelled to sacrifice his rights because he is serving the government."

"That's true," shouted the tipsy young man seated on the platform.

The speaker continued by stating that the American people have been taxed excessively to benefit a few men and concluded with an unreserved attack on the tariff.

Representative Scott Ferris, of Oklahoma, delivered the second Congressional address, referring to the Speaker as "dear old Champ Clark." He paid tribute to the speaker as a clear-headed, generous and true Democrat.

**Let People Elect.**  
"We don't want any more Lorrimer's," he shouted. "We don't want any more legislative-elected Senators. Let the people elect their Senators."

The last Congressional address was delivered by Representative Joseph Russell, of Missouri. He said that no one but Champ Clark would be able to satisfy the people, and predicted a sweeping victory for the speaker.

A short address was delivered by George Killen, an old Democratic warhorse of the District. Killen is said to be the oldest living Jeffersonian in the National Capital. He told the history of his life in detail, and said that William Jennings Bryan was a great man.

It was announced that twenty or thirty clubs would be organized in the city within the next few weeks. The organization effected last night is considered the parent body.

### CALLS STEEL BILL IGNORANT.

Senate Committee Hears Rap on Tin Plate Reduction.

Charging that the Underwood steel revision bill is a piece of legislation, framed in ignorance born of incompetency, W. U. Polk, a tin plate manufacturer of Pittsburgh, yesterday appeared before the Senate Finance Committee in opposition to the proposed reduction in the duty on tin plate.

Mr. Polk also criticized other sharply Representative A. M. Falmes, who was chairman of the Finance Committee of the House Ways and Means Committee that drafted the steel bill.

## SENATE WILL BEGIN MONEY TRUST PROBE

Announcement was made yesterday that Samuel Untermyer, of New York City, will appear to-day before the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce and make a statement in regard to the so-called "money trust," an investigation of which will be begun by Senator Clapp's committee.

The committee will act in this matter under the resolution introduced last session, by Senator Newlands, to investigate the trust question. The "money trust" is regarded as one phase of this subject, and the members of the committee held that they need no further authorization than that contained in the Newlands resolution.

## ANDERSON HOLDS UP PENSION BILL

District Committee, Lacking One of Quorum, Waits Vainly for Ohio Congressman.

Delay of less than a minute by Representative Carl Anderson, of Ohio, was responsible yesterday for the failure of the District Committee to report favorably the bill providing for the payment of pensions to the firemen and policemen's pension fund by the appropriation of additional revenue.

Ten members of the District Committee were present at the hearing held during the forenoon when four policemen appeared in defense of the bill.

With one additional member needed to make a quorum Mr. Anderson was called by telephone and stated he would come to the committee room. The call was sent to his office at 11:44 and he arrived in the room just as the hall clock had finished the last stroke of 12 and Chairman Ben Johnson had adjourned the committee.

Members present expressed their disappointment at the delay occasioned. The measure will come before the District Committee again next Friday, when, it is understood, the bill will be reported favorably.

Those who spoke in defense of the measure were C. L. Lord, Thomas Fitzsimmons, and Charles E. Smith. All expressed themselves satisfied with the bill. They favored it rather than the Johnson bill introduced last May, which, they said, would "provoke discussion and delay legislation."

The universal transfers measure was called to the attention of the committee by Chairman Johnson, who stated that it was confident that it would be objection to it. As Charles Hamilton, president of the Capital Traction Company, was unable to attend the consideration of the measure, which has already passed the Senate, it was delayed until next Friday.

## WILSON AND CLARK SPLIT OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 23.—Contest for control of the Oklahoma delegation to the Democratic national convention, waged between supporters of Champ Clark and Woodrow Wilson, resulted in a compromise agreement at 4 a. m. today, whereby a split delegation will be sent to Baltimore.

The convention adopted the report of the Wilson floor leader, pledging ten delegates for Wilson and ten for Clark.

## THE WASHINGTON CITY TENPIN TOURNAMENT

**SCHUMANS, CLASS C.**

Hartman	120	140	210	520
Ernest	120	140	210	520
Dreid	120	140	210	520
Shaffer	120	140	210	520
Totals	540	760	1050	2350

**SCHUBERTS, CLASS C.**

Bauman	110	130	210	520
Kennedy	110	130	210	520
Waller	110	130	210	520
Loeffel	110	130	210	520
Garrett	110	130	210	520
Totals	550	780	1050	2350

**FARMER, CLASS C.**

Fierce	120	140	210	520
McKay	120	140	210	520
Loeffel	120	140	210	520
Garrett	120	140	210	520
Totals	480	660	840	1980

**DOUBLES-FIRST SQUAD.**

Mack	140	160	210	520
Robb	140	160	210	520
Totals	280	320	420	1020

**DOUBLES-SECOND SQUAD.**

Leard	140	160	210	520
Hodges	140	160	210	520
Jones	140	160	210	520
Totals	420	480	630	1530

**Class B.**

Milovitch	120	140	210	520
Demolish	120	140	210	520
Totals	240	280	420	940

**Class C.**

Gore	140	160	210	520
Gibson	140	160	210	520
Totals	280	320	420	1020

**Class B.**

Brooks	120	140	210	520
Young	120	140	210	520
Totals	240	280	420	940

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Diney	140	160	210	520
Totals	280	320	420	1020

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Totals	240	280	420	940

**Class A.**

Hedeker	120	140	210	520
W. Miller	120	140	210	520
Johnson	120	140	210	520
Shaffer	120	140	210	520
Ekstein	120	140	210	520
Totals	600	720	1050	2350

**Class B.**

March	120	140	210	520
P. Page	120	140	210	520
Covert	120	140	210	520
U. Coe	120	140	210	520
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## "SOUTHERN MILLS BAD AS PRISONS"

—BUREAU OF LABOR REPORT.

Families ill-fed, Poorly Clad, and Ignored by Every Class of Society.

### CHILDREN ALL DRUDGES

The Bureau of Labor completed and made public yesterday a report on Southern cotton mill workers which is likely to arouse the Southern Congressmen considerably. In recent debates in Congress, the Congressmen from Southern States seemed sensitive on the subject of Southern woman and child labor, and the report made public tells in a striking way the decidedly dispirited conditions under which Southern cotton mill workers live of scanty pay, scanty food, crowded homes, company stores, and of but little hope for the future.

**Twenty-one Homes Described.**  
The Bureau selected twenty-one typical Southern cotton mill families, ten of them living in or near Atlanta, six just outside of Greensboro, N. C., and five living at Burlington, N. C., and the report states that a comparison of the menu of the families studied with the dietary of the Federal prison at Atlanta shows that for breakfast and dinner the quantity and quality of food of the families living fairly well is not far different from the prison diet. They have a little more variety, perhaps.

Taking the result of more than a hundred families studied in the Southern cotton mills the report says:

"The minimum standard is a standard of living so low that one would expect few families to live on it."

Of their social status the report says: "In the first place, they are looked down upon by the other people of the South. There is an attempt to make them a part of the community into which they have recently come. The old residents know little about them and care less. In the second place, their conditions of life are such that they are forced to isolate themselves. The whole family—men, women and children—are engaged in the same industry in which every other family in the community is engaged."

The report says that with few exceptions they live in houses owned by the mill company and in many cases buy their provisions from the company store.

"In other industries," adds the report, "the father may feel that he can never hope for anything more for himself, but he is not so sure in the case of a better life for his children. Here the mill demands the children as well as the fathers."

The report says the so-called normal family—father, mother and children—depending upon him for support—not found among the twenty-one typical Southern cotton mill families studied, and that most of the families, even the poorest, were supported by the earnings of several wage earners and in addition the majority had the benefit of an income from boarders. The average number of wage earners per family for the twenty-one families was 2.4.

**Pork Their Mainstay.**  
"The menus which appear with the family studies show better than any description the character of the food eaten by the cotton mill operators," says the report. "It will be seen that corn bread, biscuit, pork, and coffee form a large part of the diet of all families. No tea is used and one family had a substitute for coffee. When pork is mentioned without qualification it means fat pork, dry salted. This kind of meat contains very little lean. Other kinds of pork are always specified."

"Supper with most of the families is a light meal. Frequently it is nothing more than what is left from dinner, warmed over or eaten cold. In many other cases it is bread, meat (fatback) and coffee. Breakfast consists of coffee, bread, syrup, and pork in some form."

**Mothers in Discarded Gown.**  
The report shows that the earning of a family where five were employed in the mill was something between \$60 and \$80 a year, and that the average amount spent by the father of the family on his clothing was \$23.97.

The mother, it is stated, spent less for her clothing than did the older daughters, and that in some instances the amount spent by the mother on her clothing was wholly inadequate. In one instance one mother reported as clothing for the year "slippers" and she wearing the clothing that her daughters had discarded. The average paid by any mother for her clothing for the year was \$14.92. In the majority of instances, it is stated, the families end the year slightly in debt.

### G. A. R. CEREMONIES TO-NIGHT.

Officers of Department and the Corps to Be Jointly Installed.

Newly elected officers of the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., and the Women's Relief Corps, will be installed at Grand Army hall to-night, at 8 o'clock. The department commander-elect is J. D. Bloodgood, and the department president-elect of the corps is Mrs. Margaret A. Walker.

Assisting in the ceremonies will be seventy-five women, members of the corps, dressed in white and carrying flags. A number of banners of the various corps of the department of the G. A. R. and the Women's Relief Corps will be displayed.

**MRS. LYDIA SMITH DEAD.**  
Mother of Mrs. Melvin C. Hansen.

Victim of Paralytic Stroke.

Mrs. Lydia Smith, wife of Peter Curtis Smith, a life-long resident of Washington, died at 10 o'clock last night at her residence, 307 C street southwest, as a result of a paralytic stroke. Mrs. Smith was born in this city, January 2, 1847, and married Mr. Smith November 2, 1868. Mrs. Smith was the daughter of Conrad Hansen, who was connected with the oldest family of the southwest section of the city.

Surviving Mrs. Smith are her husband and daughter, Mrs. Melvin C. Hansen. She was a member of Ryland M. E. Church, and funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Benjamin F. Meeks, the pastor. Interment will be in Rock Creek, probably to-morrow.

**Vernon is Taft's Publicity Man.**  
Leroy T. Vernon, Washington correspondent of the Chicago Daily News, was chosen publicity manager of the Taft campaign, at a conference at the White House yesterday.

**Houston A. A. Defeated.**  
Boston, Feb. 23.—The Boston A. A. hockey seven was defeated to-night, 3 to 1, by the Sherbrooke seven, of Quebec.

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## Tailoring Talks

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Of course, you are not going to literally need Spring Clothes this week or next. But when you stop and think of it, the warm weather isn't so very far off. You'll not be anticipating much to get your selections made—especially for the Top Coat—and let us get the garments in work. We would like the time to be deliberate in the making—the results are so much better than in a rush.

We're glad to have our opinion endorsed. Everybody who has viewed our woolsens for spring compliments us on the selection. Taking into account the styles that will prevail this season—we've chosen wisely. We've been

liberal in our assortment, too—almost doubling the usual variety. But we want to give you exclusiveness as well as excellence—so we have many patterns and very few duplicates, if any.

You and Mr. Vandoren will have some fashion points to discuss and decide. Literal interpretation of fashion is a radical change—for the better, in our opinion. But, of course, subject to your instructions. There's one thing you can count on getting here—JUST WHAT YOU WANT. "Fit or No Pay" guarantees it—and no deposit required absolutely eliminates any possibility of question or doubt or argument.

### DISAPPEARS WITH PURSE.

Man Finds \$21.50 and Then Hurriedly Boards Street Car.

After Miss J. O. Conner, of 1221 North Carolina avenue northeast, noticed she had dropped her purse while walking in Pennsylvania avenue southeast yesterday afternoon, she turned to retrace her steps in search of it. She saw an elderly man stooping to pick up the purse. Miss Conner called to the man, but he hurriedly walked to a street car and disappeared.

The purse contained \$21.50. The police were given a good description of the man, and last night obtained a clue to his identity.

### CAUGHT UNDER ELEVATOR.

Plasterer in Shaft Suffers Fracture of Skull and May Die.

Struck on the head by a descending elevator while at work in the shaft of the new building of the Union Savings Bank, 716 Fourteenth street northwest, Charles Ferrar, a plasterer, of Hancock avenue, Takoma Park, is in a serious condition at Emergency Hospital from a fracture of the skull.

Ferrar's face was badly disfigured. Physicians at the hospital say he has only a slight chance for recovery.

### COP DOES "BUCK AND WING."

Also Beats Time with Club on Obnoxious Prisoner's "Haid."

Policeman J. C. Calhoun, of the Fourth precinct, was doing an involuntary "buck and wing" dance last night when Harrison Chase, colored, whom he had in custody on a charge of disorderly conduct, began kicking his shins. Calhoun was forced to use his club to halt the painful twinges.

Harrison Chase awakened at Emergency Hospital where he was treated for several lacerations of the scalp. He was then taken to the Fourth precinct station and charged with carrying a dangerous weapon.

The total trade of the United Kingdom in 1910 was estimated at \$2,900,000,000. The swamp and overflow lands of the United States aggregate 7,541,000 acres. Four p. m. is the latest hour of the whole twenty-four.

### HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET.

Christian Endeavorers of Vermont Avenue Church Make Merry.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church held its seventh annual banquet at the Sunday school hall last night, seventy-two persons being present. The program was well presented, and the evening was a success.

The committee on arrangements comprised Clarence J. Spiker, chairman; Miss Roberta Braddock, Alton G. Grinnell, Dr. W. H. McLaughlin, Charles G. Bell, W. E. Brattwain, Miss Olga Hanson, James M. Picken, and Miss Katherine Summy. Among those present were Rev. and Mrs. Earle Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Shotton, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stone, Dr. and Mrs. N. R. Jenner, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gossinger, Mrs. I. E. Braddock, Mrs. J. A. Sailer, Mrs. Ruth Thompson, Mrs. O. W. Devoe, Mrs. Lou Weighman, Mrs. T. C. Spiker, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Bethell, Miss Eunice Johnson, Miss Mamie Climbach, Miss Roberta Braddock, W. E. Brattwain, Miss Ruth Briscoe, Miss Alice Dav, Miss Helva Goepfert, A. G. Grinnell, Miss Olga Hanson, Miss Emma Hays, Miss Vernah Spiker, Miss Anna Heller, Miss Ella Hoge, John M. Lewis, Miss Edna McCullough, J. B. Mitchell, W. W. Paige, Miss Ardell Payne, Miss Irene Payne, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Picken, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Bell, C. J. Spiker, T. C. Spiker, Mrs. Katherine Summy, H. E. Taggart, Miss Lida Thomas, Harry Thompson, Miss Emily Van Arsdale, O. G. Whillow, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Williams, Miss Alexander, Miss Grace Middleton, Otto Hermann, H. S. Stettin, Philip Siggers, Dr. W. H. McLaughlin, and John Kuhn.

### CALIFORNIA FOR CLARK.